

DR. HARRY RIMMER'S FAREWELL

Dr. Harry Rimmer in his last illness was listening to Dr. Charles Fuller of the Old-Fashioned Revival Hour who announced that the next Sunday he would speak on Heaven. Following is the letter Dr. Rimmer wrote to Dr. Fuller:

"Next Sunday you are going to talk about Heaven. I am interested in that land because I have held a clear title to a bit of property there for about fifty years. I did not buy it. It was given to me without price. But the donor purchased it for me at a tremendous sacrifice. I am not holding it for speculation. It is not a vacant lot. For more than half a century I have been sending materials up to the greatest Architect of the Universe who has been building a home for me which will never need remodeling or repairing, because it will suit me perfectly, individually, and will never grow old. Termites can never undermine its foundations, for it rests upon the "Rock of Ages." Fire cannot destroy it, floods cannot wash it away. No lock or bolts will ever be placed upon the doors, for no vicious person can enter the land where my dwelling stands, almost completed and almost ready for me to enter in and abide in peace eternally without fear of being ejected.

"There is a valley of deep shadow between this place where I live and that to which I shall journey in a very short time. I cannot reach my home in that city without passing through this valley. But I am not afraid, because the best Friend I ever had went through the same valley long, long ago and drove away all its gloom. He has stuck with me through thick and thin since we first became acquainted fifty-five years ago. And I own His promise in printed form never to forsake me or leave me alone. He will be with me as I walk through the valley of the shadow, and I shall not lose my way when He is with me.

"I hope to hear your sermon on Heaven next Sunday, but I have no assurance I shall be able to do so. My ticket to Heaven has no date marked for the journey, no return coupon, and no permit for baggage. Yes, I am ready to go, and I may not be here while you are talking next Sunday evening, but I will meet you there some day."

Harry Rimmer

And Harry Rimmer crossed over before the next Sunday got there.

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Dr. Harry Rimmer was a well-known Christian author and Bible teacher in the 1950s and prior years.

[Read by Willis E. Bishop]